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1. A gaming system comprising:
 - a plurality of gaming terminals which collect medals and the like
 - 5 to execute a game and pays out prizes according to game results; and
 - a management device for a jackpot which is connected to these plural gaming terminals to enable communication; wherein
 - a special game which is solely for the purpose of winning the jackpot is executed in a plurality of gaming terminals when the
 - 10 management device determined jackpot payout to be possible; and
 - a gaming terminal to which the jackpot is paid out is determined.
2. A gaming system comprising:
 - a plurality of gaming terminals which collect medals and the like
 - 15 to execute a game and pays out prizes according to game results; and
 - a management device for a jackpot which is connected to these plural gaming terminals to enable communication; wherein
 - a jackpot payout timing detection means for determining whether or not jackpot payout is possible is comprised in the management device;
 - 20 a special game execution means for executing a special game, which is solely for the purpose of competing for the jackpot between a plurality of gaming terminals, when the fact that jackpot payout is possible is acknowledged through information from the management device is comprised in each gaming terminal; and
 - 25 a jackpot payout destination determination means for

determining the gaming terminal to which the jackpot is paid out based on the result of the special game transmitted from the gaming terminals is comprised in the management device.

5 3. The gaming system according to claim 1 or 2, wherein said management device comprises a jackpot accumulation means for accumulating a portion of the medals and the like inserted in to said gaming terminals as the jackpot and determines jackpot payout to be possible by accumulating the jackpot to more than a certain amount.

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4. The gaming system according to claim 3, wherein said management device determines jackpot payout to be possible under the condition that more than a certain number of gaming terminals must be in play, in addition to accumulating a jackpot to more than a certain
15 amount.

5. The gaming system according to claim 1 or 2 comprising a notification means for notifying players that a special game will be held.

20 6. The gaming system according to claim 5, wherein said notification means performs a countdown to the start of a special game.

7. The gaming system according to claim 1 or 2, wherein said special game can be played only by gaming terminals which were in play
25 immediately prior to when jackpot payout became possible.

8. A management device, which collects medals and the like to execute games, is connected to a plurality of gaming terminals which pay out prizes according to game results and manages a jackpot which is paid
5 out to these gaming terminals, comprising:

a jackpot timing detection means for determining whether or not jackpot payout is possible;

an acknowledgement means for making the gaming terminals acknowledge that jackpot payout is possible; and

10 a jackpot payout destination means for determining the gaming terminal to which the jackpot is paid out based on the results of the special game which held is solely for the purpose of competing for the jackpot in the plurality of gaming terminals when jackpot payout is determined to be possible.

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9. A gaming terminal which collects medals and the like to execute games, pays out prizes according to game results, and is connected in plural numbers to a management device which manages a jackpot to enable communication, comprising, when the fact that jackpot payout is
20 possible is acknowledged through information from the management device:

a special game execution means for executing a special game which is solely for the purpose of competing for the jackpot in the plurality of gaming terminals; and

25 a means for transmitting the results of the special game to the

management device.

10. A jackpot payout method wherein a plurality of gaming terminals which collects medals and the like to execute games and pays out prizes
5 according to game results is connected to a jackpot management device to enable communication, and the jackpot managed by the management device is paid out to a gaming terminal, wherein the management device comprises:

a step for determining whether or not jackpot payout is possible;

10 a step for making the plurality of gaming terminals acknowledge that jackpot payout is possible;

a step for executing a special game which held is solely for the purpose of competing for the jackpot in a plurality of gaming terminals; and

15 a step for determining the gaming terminal to which the jackpot is paid out by the management device based on the results of the special game.

11. A program for the purpose of enabling a computer which is
20 connected to a plurality of gaming terminals, which collects medals and the like to execute a game and pays out the jackpot based on the game results, to function as a management device for a jackpot which is paid out to these gaming terminals and enabling said computer to execute:

a step for determining whether or not jackpot payout is possible;

25 a step for making the plurality of gaming terminals acknowledge

that jackpot payout is possible; and

a step for determining the gaming terminal to which the jackpot is paid out based on the results of a special game which held is solely for the purpose of competing for the jackpot in a plurality of gaming
5 terminals when jackpot payout is determined to be possible.

12. A program for the purpose of enabling said computer to function as a game terminal, which is connected to a jackpot management device to enable communication and wherein a jackpot win occurs, and enabling
10 the computer to execute:

a step for acknowledging that jackpot payout is possible through information from the managing device;

a step for executing a special game for the sole purpose of jackpot competition in a state wherein jackpot payout is possible; and

15 a step for transmitting the special game results to the management device.